

Abstract

Time and its reflection in law

This diploma thesis deals with the reflection of time in law. The goal is to capture how time is projected into civil law in regard to the applicable legislation.

The thesis is divided into eight chapters, first four of them being general treatises, starting with the fifth chapter and continuing further, all of them are focused on specific one law institution related to time.

In the first, general chapter time is defined as a legal event, the difference between time and period is discussed, mandatory principles for this legal area are mentioned, such as principle *vigilantibus iura scripta sunt* or the principle of honesty.

In the part that focuses on specific institutions, are gradually discussed the terms limitation (weakening of a right), lapse (extinguishment of a right), prescription and determination of time. The principle of each institution is discussed first, followed by its characteristics, the difference between the specific institution and other institution and its role in the life of addressees of legal norms.

The most thoroughly discussed is the term of limitation with the accent on the essence of this institution, followed by its legal construction, characteristic signs, consequences of vain expiration of the limitation of time, the group of laws that are subjects to limitation and on the other hand the group of laws that are not. The evolution of legal specification of limitation in history is included as well. An interesting point of view on limitation is provided by the comparison with foreign legal adjustment.

Following the chapter about limitation are chapters about lapse, prescription and determination of time. The space dedicated to these terms is narrower than the space devoted to limitation however it is specific enough to reach the aim of this thesis, and that is to provide the reader with a comprehensive view on time and its reflection in civil law.

In my diploma thesis I am not afraid of confrontation of various legal points of view, I try to evaluate all legal interpretations objectively and then find a possible starting point.

The benefit of this work lays in a clear description of law areas, in which time is reflected in many ways, as well as taking into account practical impact of time effect on everyday life of citizens who must follow legal norms.

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